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**DEEP Commissioner Esty to Join Local Officials
For Tour of Storrs Center**

Visit Will Highlight Energy and Environmental Benefits of This Project

DEEP Commissioner Dan Esty will join Mansfield Mayor Betsy Paterson and other local officials for a tour of the new Storrs Center project:

- Tuesday, March 19, 2013
- 1:30 p.m.
- Storrs Center Parking Garage. *Go to 18 Dog Lane. Turn right into parking garage. Electric vehicle charging stations are to the right of the ticket booths. Parking is free for the first two hours.*

The agenda for the tour is as follows:

- Lower level of parking garage that features electric vehicle charging stations for the public: Commissioner Esty will park his Chevy Volt and connect it to a charger. Hertz will introduce the car share program, featuring a Chevy Volt.
- Speaking program on sidewalk along Dog Lane outside of retail shops in the newly opened Storrs Center stores and restaurants (speaking ceremony will be held inside the Dog Lane Café in the event of rain or snow).
- Reception at Dog Lane Café.

Background

Storrs Center is a mixed-use town center featuring restaurants, shops, offices, homes, walkways, and green spaces that offers a connected, thriving community for the region. Located just steps from the University of Connecticut, Storrs Center is Mansfield's new downtown created by some of the nation's most talented urban planners and anchored by one of the most prestigious public universities in the nation. It is an example of environmentally sound and energy efficient development – with a high density, mixed use approach that is walkable, bikeable and accessible.